

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of: **Jeremy I. Levin, et al.**

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For:

**ALKYNYL CONTAINING HYDROXAMIC ACID COMPOUNDS
AS MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE/TACE INHIBITORS**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the present application please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following:

--This is a divisional of copending application serial no. 09/492,686 filed on January 27, 2000, which application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/155,184 filed January 27, 1999, the entire disclosure of each being hereby incorporated by reference.--

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date written below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL909159916US addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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